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United States District Court, S.D. New York. In re WORLDCOM, INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

This Document Relates to: All Actions Gail M. GRENIER, on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated, and Worldcom 401(K) Savings Plan, appearing derivatively through Gail M. Grenier, a participant in the Plan, Plaintiffs,

WORLDCOM, INC., Bernard J. Ebbers, Scott D. Sullivan, James C. Allen, Max E. Bobbit, and John Does 1-100, and unknown fiduciary defendants 1-100, Defendants.

John T. ALEXANDER, on behalf of a class of all others similarly situated, Plaintiff,

WORLDCOM, INC., Bernard J. Ebbers, Scott D. Sullivan, James C. Allen, Judith Areen, Carl J. Aycock, Max E. Bobbit, Defendants. No. 02 CIV. 3288(DLC), 02 CIV. 4816(DLC), 02 CIV. 5140(DLC).

Sept. 18, 2002.

ORDER

COTE, District J.

*1 By Order dated August 29, 2002, this Court ordered that the parties in the above-captioned actions, by written submission to this Court no later than September 13, 2002, show cause why Grenier and Alexander should not be consolidated with each other or both of them with In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation.

On September 13, 2002, the New York State Common Retirement Fund, which is lead plaintiff in In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation, submitted a memorandum opposing consolidation of Grenier and Alexander with In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation, but not opposing consolidation of Grenier and Alexander with each other. Also on September 13, plaintiff in Grenier submitted on behalf of herself and plaintiff in Alexander a memorandum opposing consolidation of Grenier and Alexander with In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation, and supporting consolidation of Grenier and Alexander with each other. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED as follows:

I. CONSOLIDATION

- 1. No action brought pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq, in connection with a plan established and sponsored by WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom") and assigned to the undersigned shall be consolidated with In re WorldCom, Inc. Securities Litigation.
- 2. Grenier and Alexander are consolidated for all purposes pursuant to Rule 42(a), Fed.R.Civ.P. They shall be referred to collectively as In re WorldCom, Inc. ERISA Litigation, Master File No. 02 Civ. 4816(DLC).
- 3. No action taken hereunder shall have the effect of making any person, firm or corporation a party to any action in which the person or entity has not been named, served, or added as such in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

II. MASTER DOCKET AND SEPARATE ACTION DOCKETS

- 4. A Master Docket is hereby established for the consolidated proceedings in the actions consolidated herein and any other actions subsequently consolidated with them either for all purposes or for pretrial purposes (the "Consolidated ERISA Actions"). Entries in said Master Docket shall be applicable to the Consolidated ERISA Actions, and entries shall be made therein in accordance with the regular procedures of the Clerk of this Court, except as modified by this Order.
- 5. When a pleading is filed and the caption, pursuant to this Order, shows that it is applicable to "All Actions," the Clerk shall file such pleading in the Master File and note such filing in the Master Docket. No further copies need be filed nor other docket entries made.

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III. MASTER FILE AND SEPARATE ACTION FILES

6. A Master File is hereby established for the consolidated proceedings in the Consolidated ERISA Actions. The Master File shall be Civil Action No. 02 Civ. 4816(DLC). The original of this Order shall be filed by the Clerk in the Master File herein established. The Clerk shall maintain a separate file for each of the Consolidated ERISA Actions and filings shall be made therein in accordance with the regular procedures of the Clerk of this Court except as modified by Section II of this Order. The Clerk shall file a copy of this Order in each such separate file. The Clerk shall mail a copy of this Order to counsel of record in each of the Consolidated ERISA Actions.

IV. NEWLY FILED OR TRANSFERRED ACTIONS

- *2 7. When an ERISA action that relates to the same subject matter as the Consolidated ERISA Actions is hereafter filed in or transferred to this Court and assigned to the undersigned, it shall be consolidated with these actions in the same manner as the cases identified in Section I above (provided that any case transferred to this Court solely for pretrial proceedings shall be consolidated only to that extent absent further order of this Court), except as provided below, and the Clerk of Court shall:
 - a. File a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action.
 - b. Mail a copy of the Order of assignment to counsel for plaintiffs and counsel for each defendant in the Consolidated ERISA Actions.
 - c. Make an appropriate entry in the Master Docket.
 - d. Mail to the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in the newly filed or transferred case a copy of this Order.
 - e. Upon the first appearance of any new defendant(s), mail to the attorneys for such

defendant(s) in such newly filed or transferred case a copy of this Order.

8. The Court requests the assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the Clerk the filing or transfer of any case which might properly be consolidated with these actions.

V. APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER TO SUBSEQUENT CASES

- 9. This Order shall apply to each action brought pursuant to ERISA in connection with a plan established and sponsored by WorldCom and assigned to the undersigned which is subsequently filed in or transferred to this Court, and which is assigned to the undersigned unless a party objecting to the consolidation of that action or to any other provision of this Order serves an application for relief from this Order or from any of its provisions within ten (10) days after the date on which the Clerk mails a copy of this Order to counsel for that party. The provisions of this Order shall apply to such action pending the Court's ruling on the application.
- 10. Unless a plaintiff in a subsequently filed or transferred case is permitted by the Court to use a separate complaint, defendants shall not be required to answer, plead or otherwise move with respect to that complaint in any such case. If a plaintiff in any such case is permitted to use a separate complaint, each defendant shall have thirty days from the date the Court grants such permission within which to answer, plead or otherwise move with respect to any such complaint.

VI. CAPTIONS

11. Every pleading filed in the Consolidated ERISA Actions, and in any separate action included therein, shall bear the following caption:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE WORLDCOM, INC. ERISA LITIGATION

MASTER FILE 02 Civ. 4816(DLC)

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12. When a pleading is intended to be applicable to all actions to which this Order applies, the words "All Actions" shall appear immediately after the words "This Document Relates To:" in the caption. When a pleading is intended to apply only to less than all of such actions, the docket number for each individual action to which it is intended to apply and the name of the plaintiff in said action shall appear immediately after the words "This Document Relates To:" in the caption.

VII. FILING AND DOCKETING

- *3 13. When a paper is filed and the caption shows that it is applicable to All Actions, the Clerk shall file it in the Master File and note such filing in the Master Docket. No other docket entries need be made nor copies filed in other files.
- 14. When a paper is filed and the caption shows that it is applicable to less than All Actions, the Clerk shall file the original of the paper in the Master File and a copy in the file of each separate action to which it applies and shall note such filing in the Master Docket and in the docket of each such separate action. The party filing such paper shall supply the Clerk with sufficient copies of any paper to permit compliance with this paragraph.

VIII. SCHEDULE

- 15. A schedule for the filing of a consolidated amended complaint for the Consolidated ERISA Actions and any actions subsequently consolidated with them shall be set at an October 18, 2002 conference with the Court.
- 16. Pending filing and service of the consolidated amended complaint, defendants shall have no obligation to move, answer, or otherwise respond to any of the complaints in the actions consolidated herein or any actions subsequently consolidated with them.

SO ORDERED:

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